

--11. (Amended) A device as recited in Claim 4, wherein the opposed engagement slots are each defined in part by inclined slot surfaces, with the angle of the inclined slot surface of one engagement slot being opposite that of the opposed engagement slot, and wherein the opposed engagement flanges are each defined in part by inclined flange surfaces, with the angle of the inclined flange surface of one engagement flange being opposite that of the opposed engagement flange.--

--15. (Amended) A device for securing a spinal rod to the spine comprising:

- a) a head portion having a channel extending therethrough defining a vertical axis and a horizontal axis, and configured to receive a spinal rod along the horizontal axis;
- b) a locking cap configured for reception by the head portion along the vertical axis of the channel and adapted to engage an interior surface of the channel and an exterior surface of the spinal rod upon rotation of the locking cap about the vertical axis through a 90° arc to secure the position of the head portion relative to the spinal rod; and
- c) a fastener portion depending from the head portion and configured to engage the spine.--

--16. (Amended) A device for securing a spinal rod to the spine comprising:

- a) a head portion having a channel extending therethrough for receiving a spinal rod;
- b) a locking cap configured to cooperate with an interior camming surface of the channel and an exterior surface of the spinal rod upon rotation of the locking cap relative